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NATO FEBRUARY 26 REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 0356

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SUBJECT: OBJECTIONABLE STAMP IN GDR PASSPORTS

A. BERLIN 327

B. BERLIN 282

C. STATE 32396

COMMON STAND ALLIES TOOK REGARDING OBJECTIONABLE STAMP
IN GDR PASSPORTS SEEMS TO HAVE HAD DESIRED EFFECT:

A) FRENCH EMBASSY EAST BERLIN INFORMS US THAT MAJORITY
OF GDR VISA APPLICATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TURNED BACK
BECAUSE OF OBJECTIONABLE STAMP IN THEIR PASSPORTS HAVE
RETURNED WITH THAT STAMP CANCELLED AND REPLACED BY ONE
READING "VALID FOR ALL STATES AND WESTBERLIN" (GUELTIG
FUER ALLE STAATEN UND WESTBERLIN).

B) ONLY APPLICANT WHOM OUR CONSULATE HAS HAD TO TURN BACK
THUS FAR RETURNED WITH BRAND-NEW PASSPORT CONTAINING
LEGEND CITED ABOVE.

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C) MOREOVER, SEVERAL NEW APPLICANTS FOR U.S. VISAS

HAVE PRESENTED PASSPORTS ALREADY MODIFIED AS DESCRIBED IN
PARA ONE. KLEIN UNQUOTE CASEY

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